

# The Caledonian Mercury.

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From the Flying Post, July 30.

Rome, July 13.

**C**ardinal Marescotti lately deceased, was a Prelate of so long standing, and made such a Figure in the Sacred College, that I believe the following Account of him will not be unacceptable. 'Tis given in a Treatise written by Count de Elci, Nephew to the Cardinal of that Name, who having been Lay Gentleman of the Bed chamber to the several Popes successively, from Innocent X. down to Pope Clement XI. made it his chief Study to know the Characters of Men, and especially of the Cardinals.

He was born in Rome the tenth of October 1637, and was made Cardinal by Clement X. on the 27th of May 1675. He was descended of one of the richest Families in Rome, and perhaps of all Italy in the Rank of Gentlemen.

He was sent by Alexander the VIIth, to be Inquisitor of Malta, then to be Nuncio in Poland by Clement XIth, and afterwards Clement X. sent him Nuncio to the Court of Spain; in all which Characters he shewed a great Application to the Service of the Holy See. He was indefatigable in Business, anxious to begin it and slow in finishing it. For these his good Qualities and great Services to the Church, he was justly promoted to the Purple by Clement X. who likewise nam'd him Legate of Ferrara, and afterwards Innocent XI. made him Bishop of Trivoli, where by his Zeal and Piety he acquired the Character of a good and holy Pastor.

He did great Services to the House of Austria in his two Nunciatures, and especially that in Poland, where by his too great Zeal in executing the Pope's Orders for promoting the Pretensions of the late Duke of Lorraine to the Throne of that Kingdom, then vacant, he fell out heavily with the Ambassador of France to that Crown, who was afterwards Cardinal Bonfi, and he was one of those six Cardinals created by Clement X. whom his most Christian Majesty would never suffer his Ambassador to visit or acknowledge for Cardinals, during that Pope's Pontificate. And not long after his Promotion, the Duke of Chaulnes arriving at Rome as

Ambassador from the Court of France, made so many Protests against this Cardinal, as excluded him from being Secretary of State to Clement X. He was extoll'd as one of the fittest of all the Cardinals to be St. Peter's Successor. In all the Offices he enjoyed he gave Proofs of his Learning, of his great Capacity, and of his fitness to negotiate Business of the greatest Moment. He was full of Expedients, ready in finding out Remedies, and vigorous in the Defence of the Ecclesiastical Immunities, and of the Holy See. He was never cast down by any Misfortune whatever. He was tender-hearted, all Zeal, and such a Lover of Justice, that some People who were not well acquainted with his natural Temper, suspected him as too severe, and not very civil. He had nothing in his View, but the promoting the Service of God, and the Advantage of the Church. He was constantly busy'd in the Affairs of the chief Congregation, and in serving his Friends and Well-Wishers, being always ready to do Service; a true Friend, and an exemplary Liver.

These his remarkable Qualities were by the Envy and Malice of others, Shaded with the Blemish of a Frugality not becoming his Dignity; yet in the Sacred College there was none who made a more magnificent Appearance than this Cardinal, having the best Liveries and Coaches, besides a noble and numerous Train of Attendants. He had no Bounds in his Alms, which he distributed plentifully, and especially to Persons in great Want; and the most generous Man alive, yet was he not Lavish.

He was courteous and modest, expeditious, and cordial, of few Words and of fewer Ceremonies, but of great Piety and Devotion. He was an Enemy to Quarrels, but obstinate in maintaining them when he was once engaged; and he was most vigorous in Defence of the Pope's Authority. The greatest Exception against him was his being too hard to be persuaded, or rather indeed too headstrong.

N. B. The above Cardinal Marescotti, as we are informed, was originally our Countryman.

From the Evening Post, Aug. 2.

Paris, August 7. The King gathers Strength daily. Some young Noblemen, who went a few Days ago

ago and diverted themselves with shooting Partridges about Charenton, have receiv'd Orders to make good the Damage done thereby to the Corns and Vines, according to a just Computation which has been made thereof; it being the Pleasure of his Majesty to have the Orders and Regulations made concerning Hunting, &c. duly observed.

*Vicenna, July 24.* 'Tis now talk'd here, that Count de Kinski is appointed by the Emperor to go to the Court of France with the Character of Ambassador, and has been sent for from Prague hither, to prepare with all possible Expedition for his Journey to Paris.

*Brussels, Aug. 5.* Field Marshal Count de Zorn-jungen took last Friday Possession of the Command in Chief of the Imperial Troops in the Austrian Netherlands; and in that Quality, was present the next Day at a Council of State which assembled extraordinarily about weighty Affairs.

*Paris, Aug. 2.* It being known on the 28th of last Month in the Evening that the King was out of Danger, Orders were given for making public Rejoicings next Day throughout the City; but about 2 Hours after the Lieutenant de Police countermanded it, ordering the Bonfires and other Demonstrations of Joy to be delayed till the 30th, when *Te Deum* should be sung in our Cathedral, pursuant to an Order which the King sent by the Bishop of Frejus to the Parliament: However, the Joy of the Publick being too excessive to bear with such a Delay, Bonfires were lighted in several Parts, after *Te Deum* had been sung in a Parish-Church. The same was repeated the next Day with all Solemnity used on like Occasions. During his Majesty's Illness, all Diversions, such as Comedies, Conforts, &c. ceased at Versailles, but went on in this City without Interruption. The Friends of the Duke of Bourbon are using their utmost Endeavours to bring him into Favour again. 'Tis talked among the Publick, with great Uncertainty, that a Person of Distinction is come over from England about Affairs of great Moment. Mean-time 'tis observed, that there is a continual Intercourse betwixt this Court and that of Madrid; but Matters are transacted with the utmost Secrecy.

*London, Aug. 2.* There's no more Talk of the King's going to Windsor this Summer.

*From the St. James's Evening-Post, Aug. 2.*

*Milan, July 13.* An Imperial Ordinance has been published here, containing in Substance, That no Foreigner can for the future enjoy any Benefice or Pension without the Emperor's Consent; and that

those who are actually possessed of any, must obtain his Imperial Majesty's Ratification.

Our last Advices from Turin relate, that the K. of Sardinia, who went lately to Evian in Savoy, has not declared what Party he intends to take in the present Juncture.

*Hague, Aug. 2.* There are two very odd Articles in our Advices from Italy and Spain: Tho' one would think Rome was the most improper School in the World for the training up of a Protestant, yet they pretend to tell us, that the Chevalier's eldest Son is now tutoring in the Religion of the Church of England, and that he already refuses to bend the Knee at the Ringing of the *Ave Maria*. On the other hand, we hear from Madrid, That a Duke of England, the last Survivor of a Noble Family in that Kingdom, the most zealous of any for the Reformation, has so far degenerated from his Great and Good Ancestors, that he has changed his Principles both in Church and State, and from a Protestant and a *True Briton*, become a Jacobite and a staunch Papist.

*London, Aug. 2.* Yesterday the Dutches of Ormond came to her House at Chelsea from the Countess of Coventry's in Warwickshire, where her Grace had been a Part of the Summer.

*From the Daily Journal, Aug. 2.*

*Paris, Aug. 7.* The Duke of Luxemburg, Lieutenant General, Knight of the King's Orders, and Governor of Normandy, died the 4th Inst. in the 66th Year of his Age. His eldest Son, the Duke de Montmorancy, has the Reversion of the Government of Normandy.

*From the Flying Post, Aug. 2.*

*Warsaw, July 24.* The Election of Count Maurice of Saxony to the Succession of the Duchy of Courland, is very displeasing to the Republick of Poland: He had for Competitors the Duke of Holstein-Gottorp, the Prince of Hesse, and Pr. Menzicoff; who pretend to oblige the States to proceed to a new Election. The grand Point to be known is, What Right the States of Courland have in this Respect? Which is an Affair that will come before the Diet of Grodno.

*Deal, July 31.* Remain the Swallow, Tyger, Winchester, Portland, Success, Drake, Lively, Swift, Spy, Weazel, and Otter Men of War.

*From the London-Gazette, Aug. 2.*

*Hague, Aug. 6.* The States of the Province of Holland are to assemble Tomorrow, to resume their Deli-

Deliberations about settling the necessary Funds for the intended Augmentation of the Forces of this State. Mr. de Lambelli, who before the Duke de Riparda's Disgrace arrived here from Spain, in order to go to Moscovy with a publick Character, set out some Days ago for Amsterdam, designing to embark there for Bilboa, and return to Madrid.

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, Aug. 4.*

*Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, and two from Flanders.*

Some private Letters from Lisbon which arrived last Tuesday, mention the Banishment of 20 or 30 Portuguese Noblemen by the King's Order, as 'tis said for the following Reason, viz. A certain Person of some Distinction being tried and imprisoned, the Noblemen before mentioned, menaced the Judge in such a Manner, as to oblige him by Force to release him, and to favour his Escape from Justice.

The Letters by the Holland Mail last Night from Vienna, give an Account, That the Imperial Court is much alarmed, at the Appearance of an approaching Accommodation between Great Britain, France and Spain, and that the Emperor has wrote a Letter with his own Hand to his Catholick Majesty, to dissuade him from it; but 'tis believed this will be to no Purpose, especially if it be true, as is given out, that the Spaniards not only begin to be weary of their Engagements with the House of Austria, but that something has been proposed tending to retake an Island of great Importance to Spain, and re-annex it to that Crown.

Mean-time the ordinary Letters from Madrid say, that Colonel Stanhope has, by Order of the King his Master, presented a Memorial to his Catholick Majesty against taking the Duke de Riparda out of his House; and that on the other hand, 60,000 Pistoles more has been advanced by the K. of Spain to the Emperor, in Part of the Subsidies contracted.

On the 2d Inst. died at Vienna Prince Maximilian, (Brother of the K. of G. Britain and the Bishop of Osnaburg) in the 60th Year of his Age.

They write from Edinburgh the 28th past, that several Proposals have been made to the Committee of Royal Burrows, relating to the Application of the public Money towards promoting their Fishery and Manufactures. Mr. John Davidson Writer of Edinburgh, is sworn in to the Office of Clerk of the Justiciary, in room of Lord Lisle deceased.

The Duke of Devonshire is set out for his fine Seat in Derbyshire, the L. Viscount Townshend be-

ing to act as President of the Council in his Absence.

The Business of Chancery being finished, the L. Chancellor will be going for Exeter, the Place of his Nativity.

The Estate of Mr. Conway, one of the Masters in Chancery, is sold for 13000 l. and applied for the Use of the Suitors, according to the late Act of Parliament.

Eight Thousand Pounds have been lately paid to the French Refugees, and there are still 4 Years behind of their Pension.

Mr. Brownloe, only Brother of the Lord Tyrconnel, died last Week of a Fever; and the Lord Barrymore has been some Time dangerously ill of the same Distemper. The Rt. Hon. William Pultney, Esq; is judged out of Danger.

The D. of Newcastle is gone for his Seat in Sussex, where he designs to keep open House, having for that Purpose some of the King's Cooks.

Yesterday a considerable Entry was made at the Custom-house of Whale Fins and Blubber, by the South Sea Company: They are busy in boiling Blubber and converting it to Oil. Six of the said Companies Ships being not yet arrived, People are impatient to learn what Success they have had. The Stocks are risen as followeth, S. S. 110 with the Dividend. Ditto Annuities 100. Bank 129. India, 149. Lottery Tickets 9 L. 15 s. But some are of Opinion that the latter will fall lower before the Drawing. This Day two Grenadiers of the Scotch Regiment, were committed to Newgate for a Street Robbery, and several Informations are given against others.

*From the Evening Post, Aug. 4.*

*Barcelona, July 21.* Yesterday two Battallions of Foot were put on board 4 Gallies and some other Vessels, in order to be transported to Majorca to reinforce that Garrison, upon Advice that Sir John Jennings is to come into the Mediterranean.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, Aug. 4.*

*Rome, July 20.* Princess Sobieski having had her eldest Son's Picture drawn by the Famous Painter Trevisani, she has delivered it to Mr. Corneco the Spanish Minister, in order to be sent to the Queen of Spain, who desired it by a Letter.

*Paris, Aug. 1.* It was observed, that when one of the Couriers returned lately from Spain, scarce any Body knew of it for several Days; and 'twas remarked, that the King and the Duke of Orleans appeared very gay in the Council of State held on that Subject; and that his Majesty expressed very great





great Satisfaction with the Court of Spain. 'Tis probable the King will soon have the Pleasure of seeing the Bishop of Frejus a Cardinal; for we are assured that even the Emperor has consented to it, and that the Pope is strenuously solicited to make an extraordinary Promotion for that Purpose.

*From the Daily Journal, Aug. 4.*

Rome, July 26. The Spanish Minister Don Felix Corneco made a long Visit, toward the close of last Week to the Princess Sobieski in the Cloister of St. Cecilia, and delivered to her a Letter from the Queen of Spain, to which he added an Account of the present Posture of some Affairs of Europe, with which she seemed to be very well pleased. Men observe more and more, a particular Intimacy between Cardinal Coscia and Cardinal Alberoni; the latter of whom had two Days ago a long Conference with the Chevalier de St. George, whose Consort had the *Te Deum* sung the same Day, and entertained all the Nuns at Dinner, being the Anniversary of her Birth-day.

*From the St. James's Evening Post, Aug. 4.*

Rome, July 13. Couriers are continually arriving from France, Spain and Portugal; and all the Talk is about Projects of Accommodation between the Powers of Europe. The Princess Clementina Sobieski had a Visit to other Day from the Spanish Agent Corneco, who, to comfort her in her Indisposition, told her, that her Husband's Affairs in England went swimmingly.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

Edinburgh, 25th July 1726.

### By Order of the MAGISTRATES.

\*\*\* That a GALLOWAY PLATE, given by the Town of Leith, value £. 25 sterl. will be run for on the Sands of Leith on the Seventeenth of September next, by Galloways carrying Nine Stones English, including Whip, Saddle and Bridle; to run 3 Heats, four Miles each, or twice round the Sands. The Horses are to start betwixt the Hours of 10 & 11 before Noon. The other Conditions and Rules for running of this Plate, are the same with those for running the City of Edinburgh's Plate; with this Difference, That each Person shall at Booking pay only One Guinea.

\*\*\* That the KING'S PLATE, value 100 Guineas, will be run for on the Sands of Leith the Nineteenth of September next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding carrying Eleven Stones English, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part thereof; to run Three Heats four Miles, or twice round the Sands. The Horses to start betwixt 11 & 12 in the Forenoon. No Jostling or Crossing to be allowed; and all Disputes are to be determined by the Lord

Provost and Magistrates, who are to be with the Flags at the Starting and Distance-posts. The Distance-post is to be Ten score Yards from the Starting-post. The Rider, after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing a Pound for Waste. Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat, for Rubbing. If three single Horses gains each of them a Heat, the Horse that gains the last Heat, gets the Plate; Or, if any Horse gains the first two Heats, he gets the Plate. If any Horse, Mare or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the same Way, and run right, or be adjudged as distanced. If the Water comes in upon the Course, the Posts are to be brought in during Rubbing, at the Direction of the Judges. The Flag at the Starting-post is to be dropt the Moment the first Horse's Head is seen to be past it, at the End of each Heat. And in case, by the Sea's not going far enough out, the Sands should allow but a short Course, it shall be in the Power of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands. The Flag at the Distance-post is to be dropt at the same Time with that at the Starting-post; and all the Horses that are not seen to be past the Distance-post at that Time, are adjudged as distanced, and have no Right to run again.

\*\*\* The Silver Plate given by the Town of Edinburgh, to the Value of 50 L. Sterling, will be run for on the Sands of Leith, on the 30th of September next, by any Horse Mare or Gelding, carrying ten Stone English Weight, allowing Whip, Saddle, and Bridle, to run three Heats, each Heat being four Miles, or twice round the Sands. The Horses are to start betwixt Twelve and One Mid-day. No Jostling or Crossing to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Lord Provost, and Magistrates, who are to be with the Flags, at the Starting and Distance Posts. The Distance Post is to be ten score Yards from the Starting Post. The Rider after each Heat is to take off his Saddle himself, and to carry it with him that Moment he dismounts, to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing one Pound for Waste. Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for Rubbing. If three single Horses gains each of them a Heat, the Horse that gains the last Heat gets the Plate; or if any Horse gains the first two Heats, gets the Plate. If any Horse or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the same Way, and turn right, or else they are adjudged as distanced. If the Water comes in upon the Course, the Posts are to be brought in during the Time of Rubbing, at the Directions of the Judges. The Flag at the Starting Post is to be dropt the Moment the first Horse's Head is seen to be past it, at the End of each Heat; and in case by the Sea's not going far enough out, the Sands should allow but a short Course, it shall be in the Power of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands. That the Horses which are to run for this Plate, being three at least, must be at Leith eight Days before the Days of the Race, and be booked forty eight Hours before running, and to pay two Guineas each at Booking.

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